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Six students vie for S.A. president

In the news...

• Kevin Morrison of Rockford, Ill., was diving off the Florida Keys when he became fascinated with a 3-foot nurse shark and pulled its tail; the shark whipped around and chomped down on his chest, hanging on all the way to the emergency room, where doctors split the shark's spine to unlock its jaw.

• Cesar Briceno was born by Caesarean section at Inova Alexandria (Va.) Hospital, weighing in at 13 pounds, 6.1 ounces. Doctors and Cesar's parents were at a loss to explain; his mother is 5-foot-3 and his father is 5-foot-3.

• John Henson of Leicestershire, England, who had to be restrained by crew members and passengers on a British Airways jumbo jet April 11 after he was accused of improperly touching a flight attendant, was fined \$11,280 and ordered to surrender his passport for a year after pleading guilty to destruction of property, interfering with the operations of an aircraft and indecent assault and battery.

• Sarah Knauss, a 117-year-old in Allentown, Pa., became the oldest woman alive after the death of Canadian Marie-Louise Febronie Meilleur, a woman 26 days her elder.

• Lt. Jim Ballard of the Reno, Nev., Police Department said 14 people who had their licenses revoked because of drunken driving convictions were arrested again because they drove to court-mandated D.W.I. meetings. They now face one to six months in jail and \$1,000 fines.

• Marko Ivezic of Farmington Hills, Mich., who told police that two men abducted his 12-year-old son at gunpoint Friday, was charged with false report of a felony and inducing a minor to commit a felony after police determined he faked the kidnapping to extort money from his estranged wife because he was being pressured to pay back \$50,000 in gambling debts.

The above news items were selected from the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*.

Indie Pereira
Bison staff writer

The Student Association will hold elections Wednesday, April 29, to elect a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and class representatives. Campaigns begin Monday, April 27.

Candidates for president are Greg Swackhamer from Columbus, Ohio; Russell Brown from Ft. Collins, Colo.; Eli Perkins from Memphis, Tenn.; Matt Tibbles from Muskogee, Okla.; Chad Gardner from Glenwood, Ark. and Mike Ely from Corning, N.Y.

Swackhamer said he would like to use the office of SA president to accomplish goals for Harding students. "I can represent them well," he said. "Their voice should be heard louder than my opinions." He said that this goal can be met through communication with the students.

"Students enjoy fun chapel programs," Swackhamer said. He said that one way he would like to improve chapel is by getting more students involved.

As president, Swackhamer said he will work to empower the students and to coordinate activities that many people could be involved in. "I would do a good job because I would have students leading and helping out with everything." He would also like to develop a good relationship with the faculty.

Swackhamer said he wants students to understand they can come to him. "I will do what they need done," he said.

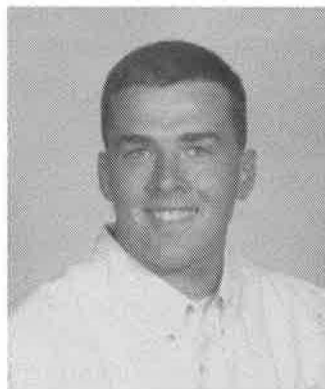
Russell Brown said that the office of SA president has been "a dream for me since my freshman year." He is a public administration major and plans to get into politics.

One idea Brown mentioned for adding student involvement is to get more student talent in the Benson. He would like to see student bands given the opportunity to perform.

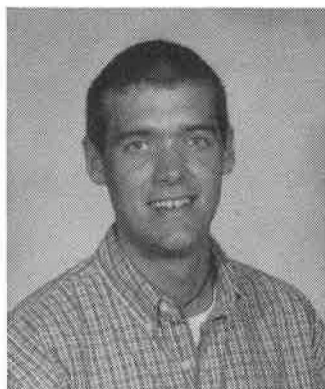
Brown would also like to see an academic honor code implemented. Students would not only pledge honesty in their own actions, but would also be responsible if they know of a situation that they do not report. He said this will help eliminate cheating that he feels is being overlooked.

Brown's experience as a resident assistant is something he said will prepare him for the position. He said he has learned to deal with and get along with many types of people while maintaining his leadership position and taking care of his responsibilities.

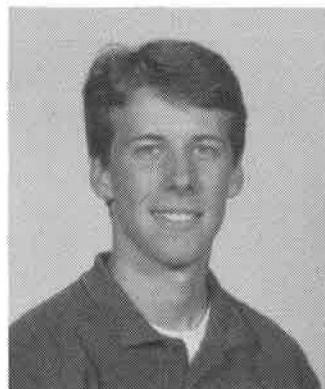
Brown said taking a leadership role doesn't necessarily mean always being in the limelight. "I wouldn't



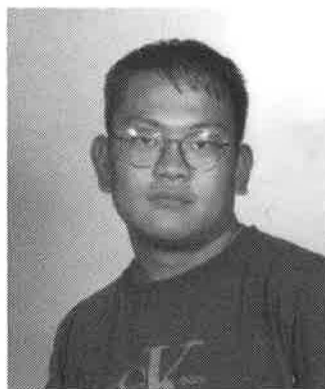
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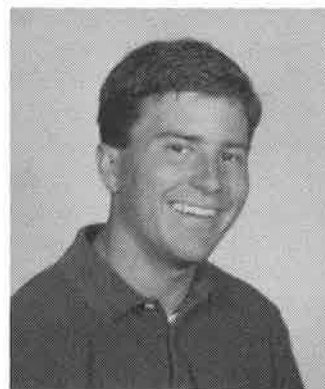
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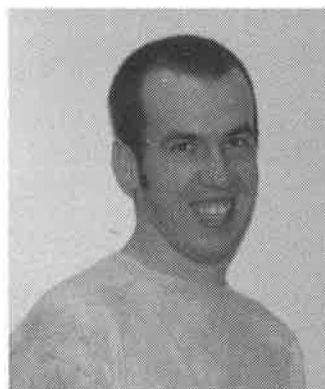
Greg Swackhamer



Michael Ely



Eli Perkins



Russell Brown

want to speak in chapel two times a week. I'd like the chance for more people to get involved," he said.

Mike Ely said, "I'm running not as much on a platform of experience but as someone who can talk to students and administration." He sees the role of president as a mediator between these two groups.

Listening and being diplomatic are two skills Ely says will enable him to work well as SA president.

Matt Tibbles said, "I feel that there's a lot of good that can come next year during our 75th anniversary. The SA is going to be under a lot of people's eyes." He sees this as a great opportunity for the student body as well as a great responsibility.

In addition to service projects of the past such as "rake and run" and the inner city carnival, Tibbles said he would like to focus on service projects within the community.

His leadership in clubs on campus as well as his experience in intramurals are activities Tibbles said has given him the chance to meet and get to know many groups of people. "I feel that I am qualified because I'm not really associated with one group of people. I can have an influence because I am already friends with many people," he said.

Chad Gardner said he would like the students to take a more community-oriented approach to their service next year. He wants the community to know "we're not just people who live here and go to school." Projects like Habitat for Humanity exemplify this goal, he said.

Gardner has been class president for three years. He said the office would allow him to do the

same job of representing the students on a larger scale. He would like to see increased communication and involvement between the class officers and the SA officers. This will give the students more of a voice in the SA. The ideas of the students can then be brought to the administration, he said.

One problem Gardner sees is that the number of fun activities and service projects seems to go down in the latter half of the school year. He would like to see the momentum of the fall carried over to the spring semester as well.

Gardner said he can be a good leader as well as a friend. "It's more important sometimes to listen to what people are saying," he said.

Eli Perkins said he would like to use the position of president to be available to students and to meet their needs. "I plan to give students the chance not only to be affected by decisions which are made but to have active involvement in the decision making process."

Perkins said he is running for president not only to serve the student body but to serve God as well. "My strength is that I love people and appreciate all opportunities to serve them as God wills," he said. He plans to provide students with service opportunities that will give them the chance to enhance their relationship with God.

Running for the office of SA vice president are Ray Patton from Memphis, Tenn. and Jeff Veal from Tulsa, Okla.

Veal sees his role in relationship to the SA president as a partnership in which he "steps right in with the president to fulfill obligations he (the president) can't."

"There's constantly a need to see what the student body feels," he said. He would like to have more entertainment opportunities for the students and to increase involvement in sports.

There are three reasons, Veal said, that he would be the best choice for vice president. He has experience in the SA as well as in many service projects. He knows all but one of the six presidential candidates and said he will be able to effectively work well with all of them. He also said, "I view the SA as a voice and as a service, not just an office."

Patton said he would like to see more activities and service projects that "combine something fun with Christianity."

As vice president, Patton said he would listen to the ideas of the students and work to foster a relationship between the administration and the students.

"I give 100 percent. First and foremost, I want all of the students to see God in what I am doing," he said.

Junior Brian Bush is running for treasurer and junior Jasmine Flagg is running for secretary. Donnie Stover and Kristin Coleman are running for senior representatives. All are uncontested.

Shawn Breeden and Matthew Ensor are running for junior men's representatives and Kelly Lauterbach is running for junior women's representative.

Matthew Shaner and Rocky Wyatt are running for sophomore men's representative, and Nancy Craig is running for sophomore women's representative.

Freshmen representatives will be chosen in the fall.

Kathryn's COMMENTS

I am competitive. I always have been and I always will be. I love to know what is going on everywhere – and I like to know how I am doing in comparison to them. I know that I am competitive. Are you?

Competitiveness is everywhere. It is in our classes, in our clubs and in our dorms, whether we like it or not. And competitiveness comes in all forms, shapes and sizes. Have you ever been so concerned about your friend's project that you lose the focus of your own? Are you always curious to know other people's grades on a test or paper? Is your club determined to win a sports trophy or Spring Sing every year, no matter what the cost?

At base, I believe that some competitiveness is healthy. I don't

think it is wrong to want to do your best, and if setting a personal goal is part of that, then go for it. But don't let it overtake you – keep a balance without losing control.

However, it seems as though competitiveness has taken over us in part. Instead of just trying to do our personal best, too often we set a goal to do better than one specific person or team. Maybe your goal is to do better on a quiz than your neighbor; maybe my goal is to get my friend to realize that he isn't always completely right about a topic, no matter how many people take his side.

This week, I had a job interview in which the interviewer asked me to name my biggest weakness. After a few minutes of considering all of the many that I could have shared with her, I

chose competitiveness. I explained to her that I knew that I was competitive and that sometimes it worked for me; however, I explained, too often it worked against me. Being too wrapped up in everyone else's work can only take away from my own, no matter how hard that is for me to admit.

Competitiveness also has its place in an argument. Have you ever had an argument with somebody that was so intense that you forgot what you were discussing in the first place? Do you change the focus of it to the point where you end up proving (or, worse yet, not proving) something you weren't even talking about anyway? I know I that I have. Whether it be discussing class work, future careers

and salaries, or the age-old (or so it now seems) discussion

about the movie *Titanic*, it seems that everywhere we turn, two people are competing to see which side can outwit the other and win.

I know that I, for one, am tired of it. I know that I can only do so much to limit my competitiveness without losing my edge or changing my personal goals, but from this moment on, I am pledging to try to be less concerned with other people's opinions or work. And you are my witnesses – take it upon yourselves to warn me when I get out of hand. I'm trusting you.

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facing the

ISSUES...

E-mail and Internet users should have full access to the labs

Hillary Keller
Bison staff writer

The computer labs here at Harding are some of the most popular places on campus. They are convenient for students who don't have computers in their dorm rooms or homes. They give students work the freedom of creativity and a professional touch. The computers also serve another purpose: connecting Harding's students with others via the Internet and electronic mail.

It's unfair to say that the labs are crowded with students using the Internet. While there are many students who do use the computers for that purpose, to say they're crowding the labs is being one-sided. Using the computers to work with the Internet is just as valid a reason as any other.

Here at Harding, students are somewhat isolated from the bigger picture. Searcy is a small town, without the broad spectrum of people, things and ideas that a large city can offer. Through Internet and e-mail use, students can get the best of both of these worlds. With the safety, support and community of Searcy and the wide range of ideas and information available on the Internet, students have access to a world of opportunities. This flow of new ideas is important to students' education.

For many students, e-mail is one of the main ways to keep up with correspondence with family and friends. Communication is an essential part of life at Harding. Many students keep in touch with high school friends, pen pals, family and even professional contacts through e-mail. Phone bills can get expensive very quickly, and the postal service can be slow. E-mail is a fast, cheap and convenient way for students to find out what's going

on back home, what's going on in other places in the world and even what's going on with their latest job application.

Another vital role the Internet plays is that of an information base. At any given time, countless students at Harding have a research paper to write. As wonderful as the Brackett Library is, no library can have all the information in the world. The Internet, however, comes very close. You name it – businesses, music, current issues – and there's probably a page on the Internet for it. These pages can be valuable sources of information; pages can often be found on obscure and hard-to-find subjects.

One of the most obvious functions of the Internet is entertainment. Everyone needs a break from work sometimes. For some, that break is reading a book or watching a movie. Others like outdoor activities. However, for many, that break is cruising the Internet. The Internet provides a stress-free environment to relax with a page of funny stories, useless trivia or interesting pictures.

The computer labs are definitely a privilege. They offer many opportunities for students to reach their full potential and give their work an extra touch. They also offer opportunities for those students who want to use the Internet, whatever their reasons. No matter what they want to use the computers for, students should all have equal access to the spectrum of opportunities in the labs, without criticism.

- One-half of Americans have computers
- One-third of the owners have Internet access
- An estimated 40 million Americans are on-line

Are the campus computer labs too overrun with Internet users?

Computers are needed for schoolwork more than for e-mail

Jeff Krinks
Bison guest writer

The Internet is great. I've spent many an hour online, searching for everything from information on my favorite musical group to booking flights for after graduation. I've found myself staring at the screen and then noticing I had been sitting there for several hours. With bloodshot eyes and a crick in my neck, I finally shut it off.

Unfortunately, many students on this campus have a hard time doing that. Too many students are "surfing the Net" in the campus computer labs when others have work to do.

Just last week, I had a paper due (as many of you probably did). I didn't mean to leave it till the last minute – it just happened that way. As I walked into the computer lab, I noticed many other students working diligently on their various papers and projects. However, a waiting line had started to form, and I needed to get cracking on my paper. A quick glance down the row revealed a couple of hackers playing on the Internet. I know they were playing because they didn't have any books or papers strewn around their work area and they didn't have that frazzled, "this is due tomorrow" look.

Being the third or fourth person in line, I ended up waiting for more than 10 minutes. And in that entire time, the Internet fiends had barely even noticed that the computers were needed by others.

Don't misunderstand – I use the Internet on a frequent basis in the University's computer labs. However, I would hate to be a contributing factor to someone's paper not being completed. If someone needs the computer on which I'm "surfing," I'll gladly move.

I realize that in this modern age of electronic communication we all need our e-mail, but could we at least use the Vax lab for that? The computers equipped with WordPerfect, Word, Powerpoint, etc., should not be used to check e-mail.

OK, so I got my paper done, but we've all heard the horror stories of the printer breaking down at the last minute. Professors usually don't want to hear, "I tried to get my paper done, but everyone was playing on the Internet or checking their e-mail." As true as it may be, it's a useless excuse.

My fellow students, let us not abuse our privilege of Internet and e-mail access. By all means, please check the weather for your hometown, the scores to your favorite professional sports teams, and the lowest published fares to Hawaii, but be brave enough to wrap it up when someone else needs the computer. In doing so, we'll all have more time to enjoy the outdoors and finish our respective papers.

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this week in HISTORY

1812 – Vice President George Clinton died in office. The fourth vice president, he was the first to die in office at age 73.

1836 – Texas gained independence from Mexico after winning the Battle of San Jacinto.

1864 – In God We Trust was first used on United States coins.

1906 – The worst earthquake disaster in United States history occurred in San Francisco. More than 500 people died as the result.

1956 – Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier of Monaco.

1985 – Coca-Cola introduced New Coke, claiming it was changing its secret formula for Coke.

getting PERSONAL

Lift up your eyes

Heidi Neuenschwander
Bison columnist

Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you. (Genesis 13: 14-15)

As I read this passage and contemplate its application, my thoughts are pushed back in time to an image tucked neatly away into the files of my memory. This memory belongs to the grouping of HUF memories I have been blessed to gather. During the spring of '97 I was blessed by God to travel half-way around the world to Florence, Italy, for a semester of studies much like many other Harding students have done in the past and will continue to do in the future. The memories that remain from HUF are a treasure. I would like to share one of those sweet experiences with you and ask you to also think of any experiences similar to the one I am going to describe.

The day I am thinking about was February 7, 1997. On that day, we took an all-group day trip to Siena, which is a picturesque Tuscan town not too far from Florence. It was a beautiful, clear, February day with bright blue skies and cool brisk air. Once we had done the traditional sightseeing bit of the town we were all free to explore on our own. The majority of us decided to climb the Torre del Mangia, the city's bell tower located at the heart of the quaint town. The tower is 330 feet tall and requires conquering 505 steps before reaching its pinnacle where one may then reap the rewards of their labor and stamina.

Once at the peak of the tower, high above the Siena colored town, my labor was made complete when my eyes were exposed to the treasure of my exhausting journey. From the very first moment of laying my eyes on the landscape that expanded before me, my breath was taken captive. This was a view unlike any other I have ever seen with my Alabama born and raised eyes. The view from the crown of the Torre del Mangia was like looking at the whole of God's vast green earth. If there has ever been a place on Earth where one can peer out and see from one end of creation to the other in one panoramic view, this would be the spot.

Snowcapped mountains framed the distant northeastern horizon. From there, skies of blue carried my eyes to the vast countryside, which bore full resemblance of a patchwork quilt laid out by the hands of God and sewn together by the careful stitches of laboring farmers. The quilt was made of grape vineyards lined up in an orderly north-south direction while the freshly tilled, brown earth provided its own unique stripes, preferring to run east to west.

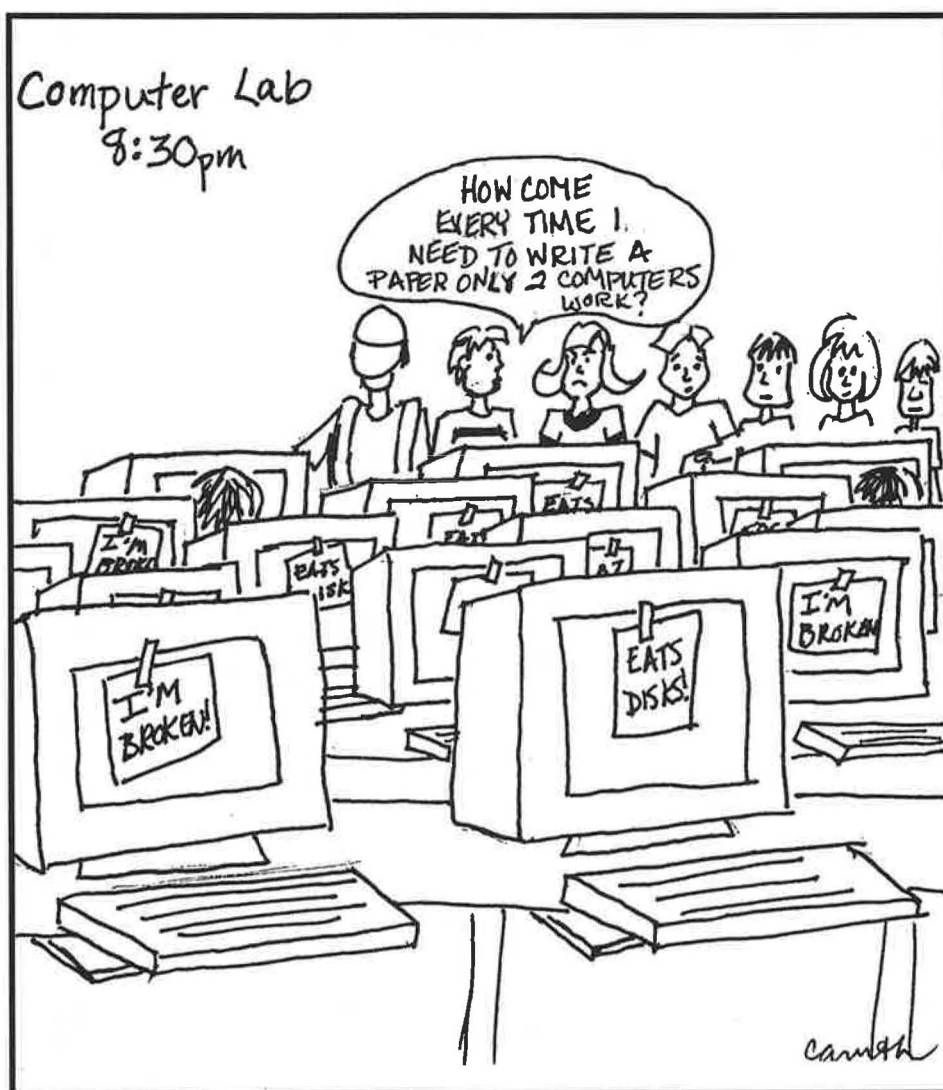
Looking out as far as my eyes could see, I wished I could fly from the top of the tower and soar high up and out over the landscape set before me. I would have gladly chanced the journey, riding the tides of the passing wind to brush me here and there at the will of my carrier. I felt as if God was whispering in my ears, "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you" (Genesis 13: 14-15). It was that poignant moment when God taught me an enduring lesson about faith.

I now want to ask you to think about an experience where you too have stood at the peak of a mountain overlooking God's glorious creation, on the pinnacle of a tower gazing down on the earth, or at a window on the top floor of a splendid high-rise building marveling at the business of a city. Invariably, you have all stood at a summit looking out over the land our Father in heaven created and, invariably, He has also whispered in your ear the same passage in Genesis calling you to open your eyes wide and full to take in the whole magnitude of His faithfulness.

Through mountaintop experiences God speaks to each one of us, whether it be a literal mountain peak or a summit met through years of internal soul searching. In His mighty and infinite wisdom He pushes, encourages, entreats, and more often carries each one of us upward to the top of eternal mountains and towers embedded deep within each one of us.

The struggles and trials that test our endurance are the fires of temperance that refine our souls and make the bell tower's view so much more spectacular. Just listen to Job as he describes the working of the Lord: "But He knows the way I take; when He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23: 10). Job knew the true fullness of that statement as his family and all he owned were taken away from him at disastrous lengths. He fought a fierce struggle to reach the top of God's tower, but once the Lord brought him to the top with restoration, Job was allowed to truly enjoy the breathtaking view of the rest of his day. Job 42: 10, 17 reads, "And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the Lord increased all that Job had twofold... And Job died, an old man full of days." Job truly is a testimony of God's faithfulness to us through times of struggle and trial when God pushes us on to higher heights and deeper understandings of Him.

Once the Lord gets you to the peak of your mountain and you stand on top, soak up the view. Let your faith in Jesus gained from the difficult journey rise up, overflowing from within your heart to empower you to soar away and claim all the land you can discover. Send up a mighty thanks to the Lord of hosts who has brought you to the mountain summit to see just how bountiful and vast His righteousness is towards you. He has mightily laid before you all you can comprehend through faith's vision. From there, let your soul bathe in the warm rays of His presence as He lays before you His land of renewal and blessing. Claim, with power and assurance, the glorious promises of His love and deliverance for you by pouring out your soul and wholly giving it over to Jesus Christ. Standing on the summit with God following a bitter struggle to reach the top makes the pain of the climb subside when compared with His ultimate glory. It is there that we find complete victory, peace, rescue and a breathtaking view of God's handiwork in our life. The Psalmist summed it up best when he wrote Psalm 35: 5-7, 9: Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain, your justice like the great deep.... How priceless is your unfailing love! For with you is the fountain of life.



Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green.
The trees of nature fruitless be,
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel.
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell.
The glory which I now can see,
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought.
I missed of all, but now I see,
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil.
Here I will sit and rest awhile.
Under the shadow, I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive.
It keeps my dying faith alive.
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

— Elizabeth Poston

Walki Talki

I can't use a phone;
Fax machine is blown;
No more dial tone.
The only way to tell you is
My walki talki.

Morse Code is no use;
The system's blown a fuse;
Wires must be loose.
The only way to ask you is
My walki talki.

It's so unusual,
Something I've never seen before.
I want you to call me again
On my walki talki.

— contributed by Isaac Alexander and Sean Williams

Conversation starters...



- The astrological sign of Taurus the Bull runs from April 20 – May 20. Taurans are patient, determined and stubborn.
- April 25 is Cuckoo Day. In England, it is the traditional day honoring the cuckoo, which symbolizes the return of migratory birds from the south and the coming of summer.
- April 26 celebrates the first major league baseball team to have an organ. The Chicago Cubs installed an organ at Wrigley Field in 1941.
- April 30 celebrates the first toy commercial on television. A Mr. Potato Head commercial aired in 1954.

Information for this week in history and conversation starters is from *Celebrate Today!*, Prima Publishing, 1996.

Students and staff remember cafeteria checker Pauline Higgs

BJ Marshall
Bison staff writer

As Harding students routinely file into the school cafeteria at mealtime, they will notice an empty space at one of the I.D. scanning stations near the entrance. More noticeable, however, is the empty place in our hearts left by the passing of Pauline Delovse Reaper Higgs, who, until recently, occupied that position as a long-time employee of the ARAMARK Corporation.

Higgs had worked in the cafeteria collecting meal tickets and scanning cards since 1980. Her partner at the registers, Polly Smith, who has been employed at Harding since 1965, worked with Higgs for the entirety of her employment.

"We worked side by side all the years she was here," Smith said, "and I loved her dearly. She was

a very good Christian lady, and she loved the kids here at Harding just like I do. She always said these were 'her kids.'"

Higgs' relationship with many of the students that frequent the cafeteria was one of her many admirable characteristics. Several Harding students were very close to her.

Leigh Brannan, a junior advertising major, knew Higgs well. "Every time I went to the cafeteria I would ask Pauline how her day went," Brannan said, "and she would always respond positively. Even though she may have been feeling bad, she would mention something good that happened to her that day."

Higgs encouraged many students with her thankful, positive attitude. "She made me realize that I shouldn't complain about

little things that may have happened to me throughout the week," Brannan said.

Travis Smith, a friend of Brannan's, said, "I knew that, if I was ever in line with Leigh, she would always end up staying behind and talking to Ms. Higgs for at least 10 minutes."

John Gaughan, the Food Service Director for ARAMARK, said that Higgs was a special woman and was loved by the students at Harding.

"It was apparent how dear she was to the kids by how many students were in attendance at her funeral," Gaughan said. "Her passing was even announced in chapel, which doesn't always happen. She will be sorely missed," he said.

Higgs came from a large family, including five sisters. Her son, Herbert Jr. and her daughter, Barbara

Hubach, both live in Searcy. She had five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her funeral was held on Wednesday, April 15, at the South Heights Church of God, and the interment took place in the White County Memorial Gardens.

Another of Higgs' co-workers and close friends was Human Resources director, Kristy Carter, who worked with her at ARAMARK for 13 years.

"Pauline was a very faithful woman and was involved with her church," Carter said. "She knew about her illness for three years, but she continued to work around her treatments. She always had a desire to work, even when she wasn't feeling that well," she added.

"Pauline really loved the students here," Carter said.



Pauline Higgs, Petit Jean 1996.

Higgs died on Sunday, April 12, after a tough battle with cancer. She never let the disease suppress her spirit, however, and she was always pleasant and kindhearted toward those around her. She will long be remembered on the Harding campus for her 18 years of service to students and for the wonderful smile that she enjoyed sharing with everyone.

American Studies Institute sponsors annual tour

The American Studies Institute sponsored their annual tour February 25-28. This year, the group went to Oklahoma City. Forty-nine students participated in the tour.

While in Oklahoma City, the group visited many area landmarks, including The Stockyards, the Cowboy Hall of Fame, and Fort Gibson.

"I loved going to Fort Gibson," senior Catherine Wiltse said. "We got to see the barracks and to actually get into the stockades. I enjoyed having the hands-on experience of being there. It was neat to imagine how people really lived there during that time. It really is interesting to think about what their life was like."

Another favorite visiting spot among some students was Tinker Air Force Base, a high tech aircraft and logistical support center where the students observed the most advanced technology at work.

"Seeing Tinker Air Force Base was one of my favorite stops," said senior Ruth Sellers. It was neat to see how they take apart airplanes. Every five years, they totally take apart an plane and refurbish it. Since it costs less to do this than to build a new airplane, it is interesting to see how it is done. Also, it is great that our government is saving some money in that way."

The students were also able to visit the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building memorial site. At the memorial, the students saw the many reminders and signs that citizens and family



The memorial to the Oklahoma City bombing victims was just one of the many stops the American Studies group made on their tour. The group also went to such places as the Stockyards, Tinker Air Force Base and the Gilcrease Museum. Photo by Emily McMackin.

members have placed in memory of their loved ones.

"I really enjoyed going to visit the Oklahoma City bombing memorial," senior Emily McMackin said. "Actually standing there at the site really made me realize exactly how tragic

that situation was for the families, city and country. I don't think that the realization of the tragedy had really hit me until we went to where it all happened. While we were standing at the site, we sang *Jesus Loves Me*, which made lots of people cry."



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American Studies speaker Lamar Alexander discusses family, government and education

Yavonda Fletcher
Bison staff writer

Lamar Alexander found the good in America and praised it while shedding light on the factors that he believed could lead to her demise during his speech Thursday, April 16, in the Benson Auditorium.

Alexander began his speech by telling a story about his friend, the late Alex Haley. He said that Haley's philosophy in life was to find the good in any given situation and praise it. Haley often complimented Alexander's children, leaving the kids as well as the father with a warm glow. Alexander told about one day when Haley looked over his daughter's essay and told her that, with a little more work, she might win a Pulitzer Prize.

Alexander said that he wanted to parallel Haley's style. He said that, as we enter the new millennium, we are emulated by other countries from around the world. However, he also said that we are now challenged by problems that we must attend to or they will bring us to our knees. He cited a "Misery Index," which once referred to the country's economic status but now reflects the country's moral status. He said that, in order to reclaim our country, we must accomplish three things: strengthen our families, control the drug epidemic and make our schools better. He encouraged Americans to "apply the same diligence to fighting these battles as we did to fighting communism."

Alexander said that, in order to strengthen the families, we must also strengthen the communities. He said that, when he was growing up, neighbors played an active part in his development. When parents were busy at work or with other chores, the neighbors stepped in to



Former Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander receives an American Studies Speaker Award from Dr. David Burks. Alexander spoke on the importance of family and education. Photo by Tonia Davenport.

keep the kids busy and out of trouble.

"Our children are missing everything that is important... the time of parents and others in the community," he said.

Alexander suggested four steps to rebuilding families. First, we should stop the government from giving people financial incentives not to marry. He said that the current "marriage penalty" in the welfare program discourages people from marrying because they will lose money. "American parents should recommit, first to each other and marriage, and then take responsibility for their own children from conception to adulthood," he said.

Secondly, he said that the government should help parents keep more of their money so that they

have the option of spending more time with their kids. He wants the government to lower tax rates and give a generous exclusion for child care, especially for parents with small children. Next, he said that we should make the workplace and the schools more flexible for families. He suggested flex-time that parents could choose instead of overtime. He also suggested a program where the kids could remain at school after normal school hours. Last of all, he said that we should double the amount of charitable contributions to schools and colleges that fill in the gaps with moral training.

To correct the drug problem, he suggested destroying the demand. He said that we must commit to drug-free work forces,

and he even proposed a five-year "Drugs are Wrong" crusade with the nation's governors.

"If we can send a missile around a corner in Baghdad, we can stop seven tons of illegal drugs from coming across our southwest border each day."

Alexander's ideas on how to improve our nation's education system mimicked the reforms that he implemented in Tennessee. Among these reforms were higher pay for teaching well, free teachers from the burdens of unions, and change the tenure laws so that ineffective teachers could be dismissed. He also said that we should give parents the right to choose what schools their children attended, whether public or private.

Alexander finished his speech with this remark: "We have the same problems as the rest of the world, but we have more of a capacity to solve them. The other nations still look to us."

Campus events...

- The Friday night movie will be *That Thing You Do*. Show times are at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium.

- The movie for Saturday evening will be *Apollo 13*. Show time is 8 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium.

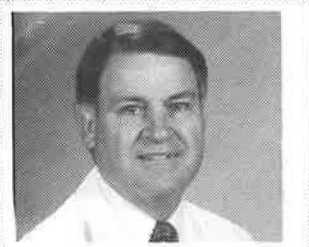
- The University Chorus will offer its last performance for the school year on Sunday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Auditorium. The group will perform a variety of selections including some Hungarian, American, African and Latin songs, as well as traditional folk and sacred selections.

- Student Association elections will be held Wednesday, April 29, from 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Student Center.

- The Bison baseball team will play Arkansas Tech University at home on Tuesday, April 28, at 5 p.m.

If you have an event you would like printed in Campus News, please submit it to the *Bison* office (box 11192) by Thursday of the previous week. Please include your name and phone number for verification.

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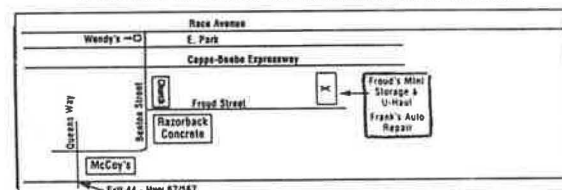
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Four presented with Distinguished Teacher Award

Dr. David Burks awarded four faculty members with the Distinguished Teacher Award at the annual faculty and staff dinner, held on April 10. The awards are based on student evaluation of a professor's performance in the classroom.

Kay Gowen, associate professor of communication, was recognized for her work as a public relations teacher. A 1968 graduate, Gowen came to Harding in 1987 to work in the public relations office. She served as dean of women during the 1989-91 school year. Gowen moved to the Department of Communication in 1991.

Currently, Gowen serves as the director of student publications, a position in which she oversees the staffs and work of both the *Petit Jean* yearbook and the *Bison* newspaper.

Gowen was shocked at winning the award. "This is an unbelievable honor because it means that students, peers and administrators think well of my work," she said. "I have been overwhelmed by the congratulations of so many people for whom I have deep respect and appreciation."

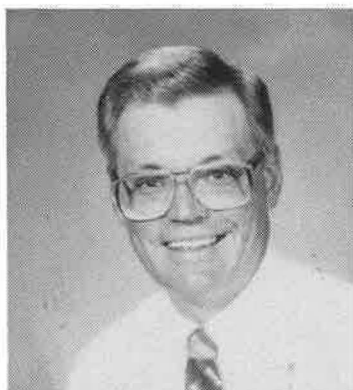


Kay Gowen

Dr. Ed Higginbotham of the School of Education was also recognized. A 1960 alumnus, he served as superintendent of Harding Academy for 31 years before joining the department in 1991 as an associate professor. He directed the University's career center from 1991-1994.

"I was both honored and humbled at the same time. I am thankful to my students and colleagues who made it possible," he said. "I was quite surprised."

Dr. Tom Howard received the award also. His third win, Howard now receives the rank of distinguished professor, making him one of only eight faculty members to receive three awards.



Dr. Tom Howard

Howard joined the Department of History in 1972.

"It has been 11 years since I have won, so it was unanticipated," Howard said. "I still feel as though I am relating to the students, but I always wonder. It validates that we, as teachers, are."

Howard had mixed emotions on receiving the award for the third time. "While I am elevated, I know that there are other good teachers who are deserving, too."

Dr. Jack Shock, associate professor of communication, was recognized as the fourth award winner. Shock graduated in 1980 and joined the Department of Communication in 1985. In 1995-1996, Shock worked in the



Dr. Ed Higginbotham

White House as the Director of Presidential Letters and Messages.

"I consider receiving the Distinguished Teacher Award one of the greatest professional and personal honors I have ever received," Shock said. "The award is special to



Dr. Jack Shock

me because it is based on student evaluation and also because I share the recognition with three other Harding professors whose work I admire and respect."

The four recipients each received a plaque and \$1,000 as part of the award.

Students urged to compete in MADD Dash

Diane Grubbs
Bison staff writer

It could never happen to you, or could it? Nearly 17,000 people were killed by drunk drivers last year alone and it is logical to assume that not one of those innocent victims ever really believed that it would happen, not to them anyhow. But it did happen, and the families of those victims are forced to press on daily; they are compelled to deal in some way with the struggles and heartache associated with what some refer to as a mere alcohol-related accident.

Drunk drivers are a peril to society and they need to be stopped. "Even right here in White County, a dry county, it is a constant threat," said Paul Pollard, president of the local Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Many people simply do not realize how serious drunk driving can be. "Unfortunately, it is hard to get people's attitudes to change and for people to realize how dangerous it really is," Pollard said. Sensitizing society is a

tedious process - "it is like turning a big ship; you have to turn it slowly."

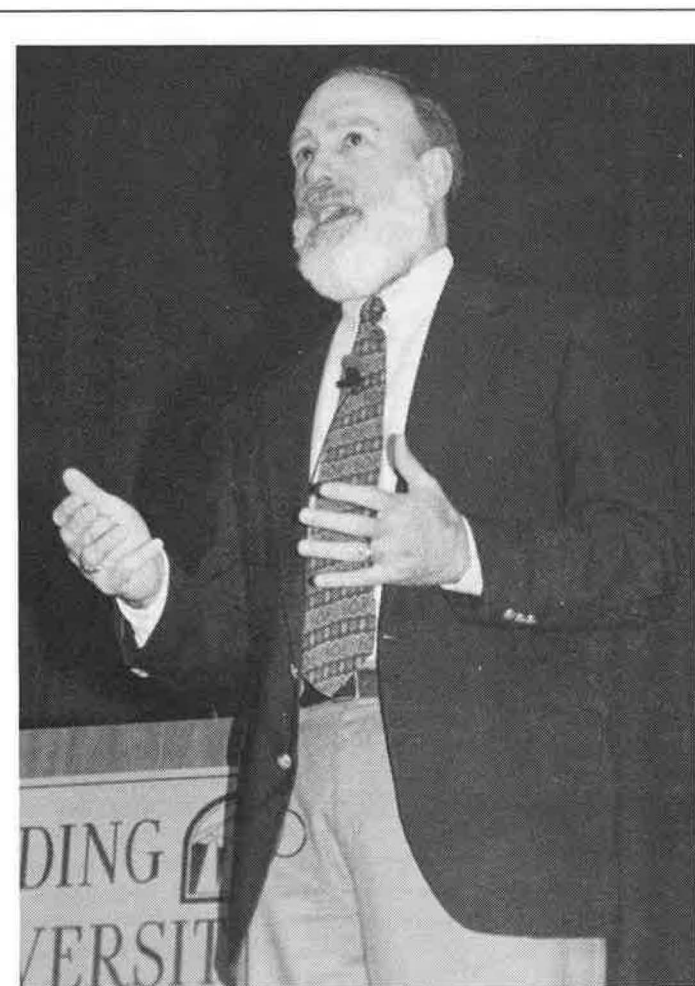
In an effort to inform the public and to raise money to help fight the battle against drunk drivers, for the past 15 years, MADD has hosted the MADD Dash. Three races are held in the dash, including a 10K, a 5K and a half-mile "fun run" walk for those people who prefer to walk and for children. It has been made possible that everyone who wants to do something can participate in the race," Pollard said.

The MADD Dash will begin at 8 a.m. at the Carmichael Community Center on April 25. The cost for each runner will be \$10. Wal-Mart has agreed to match the total funds raised in the dash. This year the money raised will be used to purchase a mounted television camera for police cars. "This

will be used to get drunk drivers off the roads and to help get convictions in the courts," Pollard said.

Accidents involving drunk drivers are not rare, and they have stolen lives from the Harding family. A reminder of this is the Harry Miller 10K. Miller, a graduate of Harding, was killed by a repeat offender drunk driver. The 10K race was named in his honor. His wife, Denise, the director of cooperative education and student jobs, has been a highly active member in MADD since Miller's death. "She has been a great help, and she is very knowledgeable," Pollard said. She is also the former president of the local MADD chapter.

Pollard said this is a fun, easy way for Harding students, faculty and community members alike to join together in an effort to fight drunk driving.



F. LaGard Smith addresses the Harding students during Tuesday's chapel program. Smith presented a chapel series entitled "Thinking Christianly in a Secular World." He also spoke nightly during the campus ministry meeting. Photo by Tonia Davenport.

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SPORTS

Women's soccer team to make debut

Jami Boyd
Bison staff writer

The 1998-99 Harding University Lady Bison soccer team has signed 15 letters of intent or commitments for next fall. Coach Terry Edwards said, "We are taking a roster of 22 ladies. We still have seven spots to fill and hope to fill five before summer and save two to fill next fall."

The Lady Bisons have a 15-game schedule and will play all eight Lone Star Conference teams plus UALR, Northwestern Louisiana, Tennessee Tech, Lambuth and Central Arkansas.

"I estimate there will be 15 of the girls on some sort of scholarship and about seven walk-ons. There has been lots of interest and that is good," Edwards said.

Freshman Andrea Richmond said, "I'm excited to get next year's freshmen here and to start practicing together as a team."

Ryan Singleton and Steve Young will serve as graduate assistants with Singleton working with the mid-fielders and offense and Young handling the goalies and defensive backs.

Dr. David Johnson, associate professor of accounting, who is at HUF this semester, has been a mentor for the soccer program at Harding and will continue to work with them when he gets back, Coach Edwards said.

Prior to the University's move to the NCAA Division II, soccer was played in an independent league and was not officially sponsored by the University. The move to the



Sarah Randolph and Heather Shipman practice on the front lawn in preparation for next year. Photo by Tonia Davenport.

NCAA's Lone Star Conference required an additional women's sport, and soccer was chosen.

Seven of the girls that have already signed currently attend Harding: Courtney Pierron, a sophomore marketing major from Espanola, N.M.; Andrea Richmond, a freshman exercise science major from Bartlesville, Okla.; Gena Rouse, a sophomore exercise science major from Goldsboro, N.C.; Heather Shipman, a sophomore communication disorders major from Hancock, N.H.; Sheilah Dunham, a sophomore from Otsego, Mich.; Sarah Randolph, a sophomore communication disorders major from Troy, Ill.; and Jodi Besenyei, a freshman public admin-

istration major from Princeton, W. Va.

"Obviously a first year team is going to be hard to put together," Richmond said. "We'll have a good team, but a lot of our success depends on the incoming freshmen and their attitudes. We get along well and can work together, but a first year team has a disadvantage because

we'll be playing teams that have been playing together."

Others who have signed a letter of intent or have committed are: Amber Singleton from Houston, Texas; Michal Edwards from Olive Branch, Miss.; Heather Gray from Plano, Texas; Justine Cokley from O'Fallon, Mo.; Sue Fecteau; and Candace O'Neal.

Lady Bison Soccer Schedule

September 3	University of Central Arkansas	
September 5	Northwestern State University	
September 11	University of Central Arkansas	Home
September 12	Le Tourneau University	Home
September 24	Lambuth University	
September 25	Christian Brothers University	
October 2	East Central University	
October 3	Northeastern State	
October 9	University of Central Oklahoma	Home
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October 24	Texas A&M Commerce	
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MADD DASH

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Sports Notes

Patriotic Duties

Fidel Castro, the former baseball prospect turned Cuban dictator, recently revealed to a group of visiting Americans that he always dreamed of owning Joe DiMaggio's autograph.

When word made way back to DiMaggio, he was surprised. Initially, the Yankee Clipper was reluctant, but he finally relented and sent a ball.

"He doesn't approve of Castro's politics," a friend of DiMaggio told the *New York Daily News*. "But he figured, if it helps relations between Cuba and the U.S., it's okay."

Tough Crowd

Fans in Philadelphia are notorious for their hard-nosed, unforgiving attitude. So no one should have been surprised when fans at the Phillies' home opener tossed their free magnetic schedules onto the field.

"Thank goodness I don't have a plate in my head or one of them might have stuck to me," outfielder Doug Glanville said.

Rose-colored goggles

Orlando Magic forward Horace Grant rejected a comment attributed to his brother, Harvey, suggesting that Horace regretted leaving Chicago for Orlando's big bucks.

"Harvey's lying," Horace said. "He's always been the bad twin."

Blowing smoke

So how great is boxer Prince Naseem Hamed? Just ask him.

"I am the color, the sparkling one, the full package, the one to take boxing into the 21st century," Hamed said. "I'm cooler than a fan."

Language barriers

The Arizona Diamondbacks know Travis Lee will go through some growing pains as he tries to become a cornerstone of the organization, but it's nothing the Diamondbacks can't solve.

"We're trying to stop him from saying 'dude' all of the time," Manager Buck Showalter said.

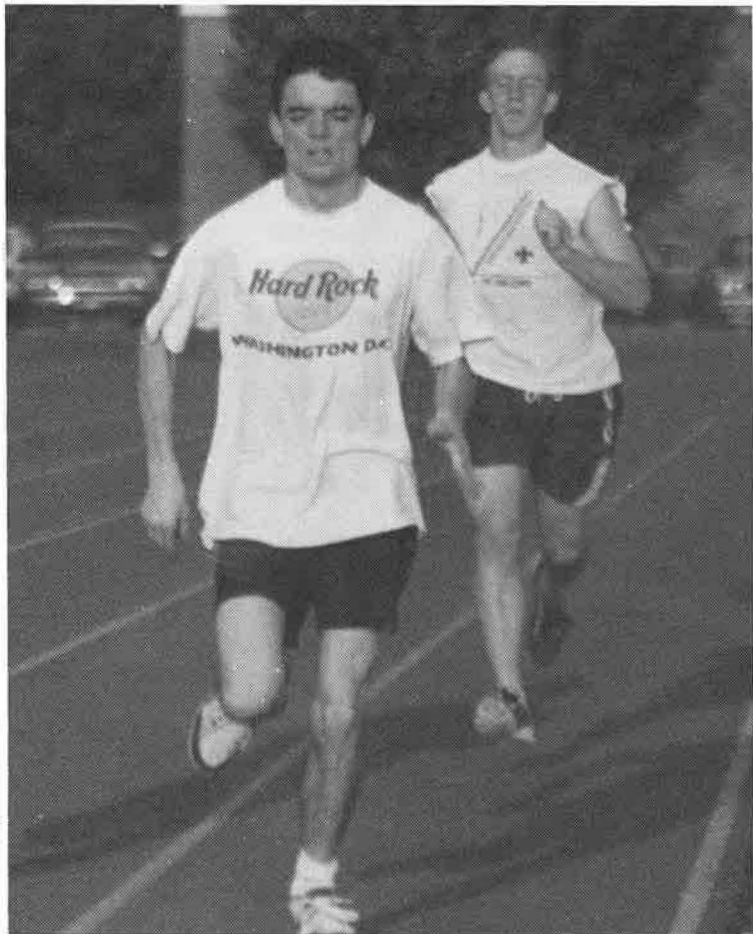
"Really, he uses it more like a punctuation mark, like a period," teammate Andy Fox said. "That's how you know when he's through with a sentence. He says 'dude.'"

Mule tracks

The general manager of the Eureka Downs racetrack plans to race mules and wants the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission to okay it.

"I don't have any idea how you'd even get a mule to run. Maybe if you use a 2-by-4, but we don't allow that," Kansas Racing and Gaming Commissioner Myron Scafe said.

"Mules are smart and they're fast," General Manager of Eureka Downs, Larry Swartzlander said. "They're arguably faster than a horse in a 300-yard dash, though their endurance leaves something to be desired. They're best in races less than 880 yards."



Tyson Ledgerwood and Jeremy Waters fight for position in the Middle Club 1500 meter run. Knights and TNT won the meet. Photo by Tonia Davenport.

Bisons win four of last seven

Philip Murphy
Bison Sports Editor

It's never too late to start winning, even if it's late in the season.

The Harding Bisons won their first nine-inning game of the year 6-0 against the Lyon Scots Tuesday, April 21, at Jerry Moore Field.

"We're just playing well right now," Coach Shane Fullerton said. "We're playing better than we have all year, and I guess at the end of the season that's exactly what we want to do. You reach some amount of success if you're playing better at the end of the season than you were at the first."

The Scots had beaten the Bisons twice this year before Tuesday's game.

"All three baseball games against Lyon have been good, close games," Fullerton said. "We have a good game with Lyon no matter what kind of year both of us are having. It is a

good rivalry every year."

Lyon Coach Kirk Kelley also thought highly of the rivalry.

"It's a good college baseball rivalry," Kelley said. "There is a mutual respect from both sides, and I don't think it's ever anything personal."

Bentley Harrell was the starting pitcher for the Bisons. Harrell pitched for six innings and allowed four hits while striking out five and walking two.

"The main thing about Bentley was that he struggled a couple of times but pulled through," Fullerton said. "Bentley, in the past, has let a few things get to him, but the main thing that allowed him to do what he did today was keeping a positive, confident attitude and fighting through a couple of situations where he wasn't throwing exactly like he wanted to."

David Rampey and Brent Tanner provided the off-

Men's club track results

Shotput - Adam Knott - Chi Sigma Alpha/ Nate Williams - Seminoles

High Hurdles - Kyle Holton - Knights/ Micah Sexton - Seminoles

Long jump - David High - King's Men/ Clint Spencer - Titans

400 M. Relay - Knights/ Seminoles

Discus - Joel Segraves - Chi Sigma Alpha/ Clay Madar - Seminoles

100 M. Dash - Adrian Quinonez - Knights/ Marc Fager - TNT

1500 M. Run - Sean Judge - Chi Sigma Alpha/ Peter Reed - TNT

High Jump - Greg Swackhamer - Knights/ Clint Spencer - Titans

Low Hurdles - Kyle Holton - Knights/ Peter Reed - TNT

400 M. Dash - Dustyn Matthews - King's Men/ Chad Mashburn - Seminoles

800 M. Relay - Knights/ TNT

800 M. Run - Brian Hannell - Knights/ Jimmy Teigen - TNT

200 M. Dash - Dustyn Matthews - King's Men/ James Gonzalez - TNT

1600 M. Relay - Chi Sigma Alpha/ Seminoles



Daniel Macondichie and Jamael Harris practice for Friday and Saturday's Drake Relays. Photo by Tonia Davenport.

ensive highlights for the Bisons.

Rampey went 3-for-5 with one run, while Tanner went 2-for-2 with a two-run homerun.

Tanner's homerun in the eighth inning was only the third homerun hit this year at Jerry Moore Field.

"Tanner has been one of the three players battling for the designated hitter position," Fullerton said. "I've been talking to Brent a lot lately about seizing his opportunities, and he definitely came through

today. He really went along way in proving himself. That's exactly what we've got to have these guys doing."

The Bisons got off to a 3-0 lead in the first inning. Jeremy Pharr, Josh Bostic and Seth Watson scored for the Bisons.

"It's basically the same thing that happened last time we played Lyon," Fullerton said. "We scored four runs in the first inning in the last game, but we never scored again. It's always a good sign for us

when we can get things going in the first inning. But more importantly today, we kept things going throughout the game and had more of a killer instinct."

The Bisons also scored in the third inning when Shane Pharr's walk with the bases loaded scored Rampey.

"Our defense is doing better than it has all year," Fullerton said. "We're just making the plays we've got to make. We're not doing anything really spectacular. We're turning a lot of double plays, but those are double plays that should be made."

Phil Gisell pitched two innings of relief, and Charley Moore was the closer for the Bisons.

"Gisell and Moore both came in and did great jobs," Fullerton said. "We've been putting these pitchers in similar situations to this every time we've been able to, and almost every time they come through."

This was Lyon's starter, Jason Kwas', first collegiate game to start.

Harding's next home game will be against Arkansas Tech University on Tuesday, April 28.

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